

Beyond Validation

Using programmed diagnostics to
learn about, monitor, and
successfully complete your DH
project

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- How to complete, publish and walk away from your digital edition project...



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- ...and have it last for 50 years.



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The Projects

- The Map of Early Modern London ↗
- Le Mariage sous l'ancien régime ↗
- The Nxaʔamxcín Dictionary Database
- The Robert Graves Diary ↗
- The Scandinavian-Canadian Studies Journal ↗



Validation is great

- ...especially if you have created a solid, tightly-constrained schema.
- But it's not enough...



Extra Schematron

is a great help. We use Schematron to:

- enforce curly apostrophes in text
- ban quotation marks (use `<quote>` etc.)
- ban leading and trailing spaces in some tags
- enforce correct capitalization
- limit the length of abstracts
- ...and lots more...

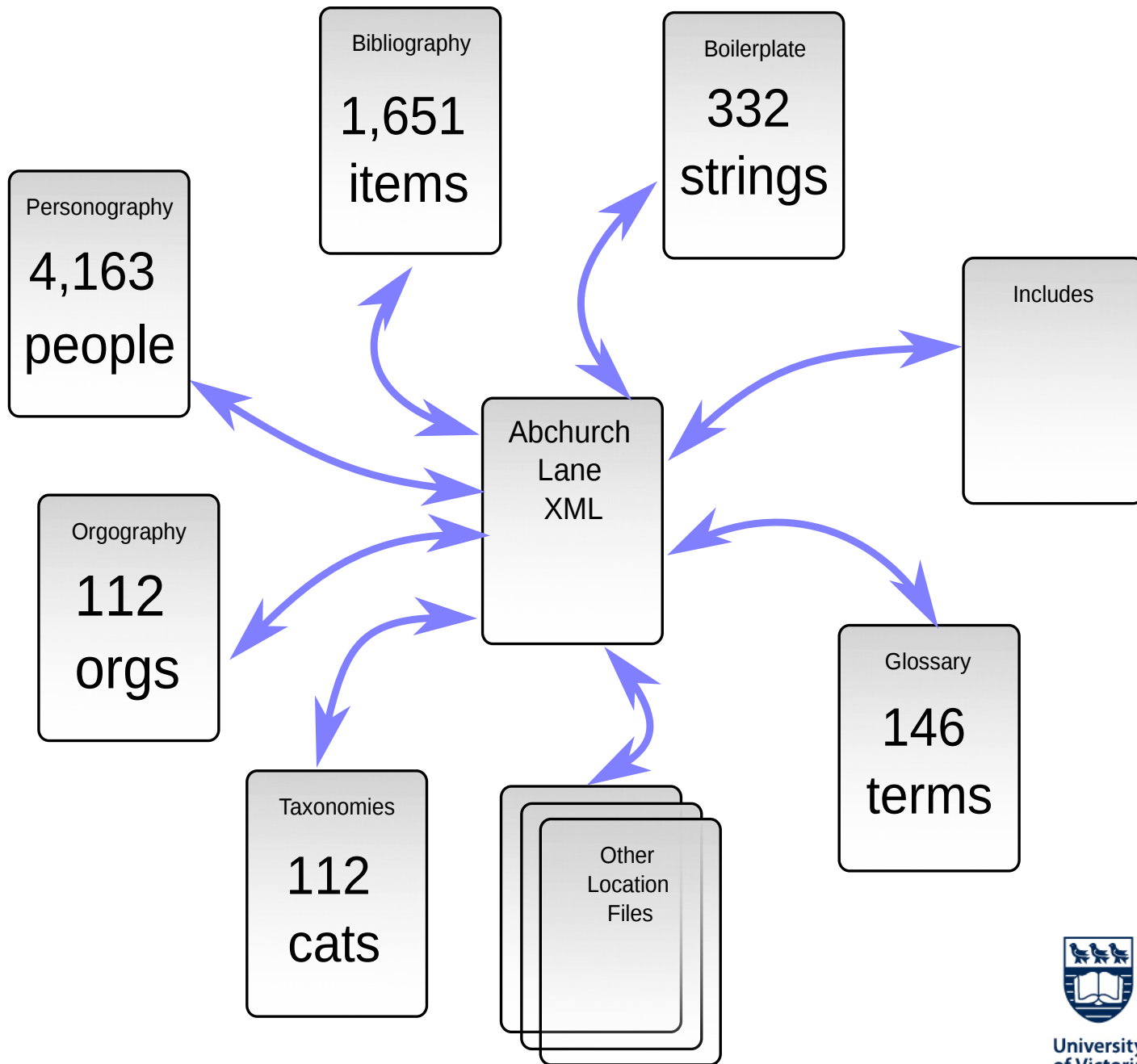


But that's not enough

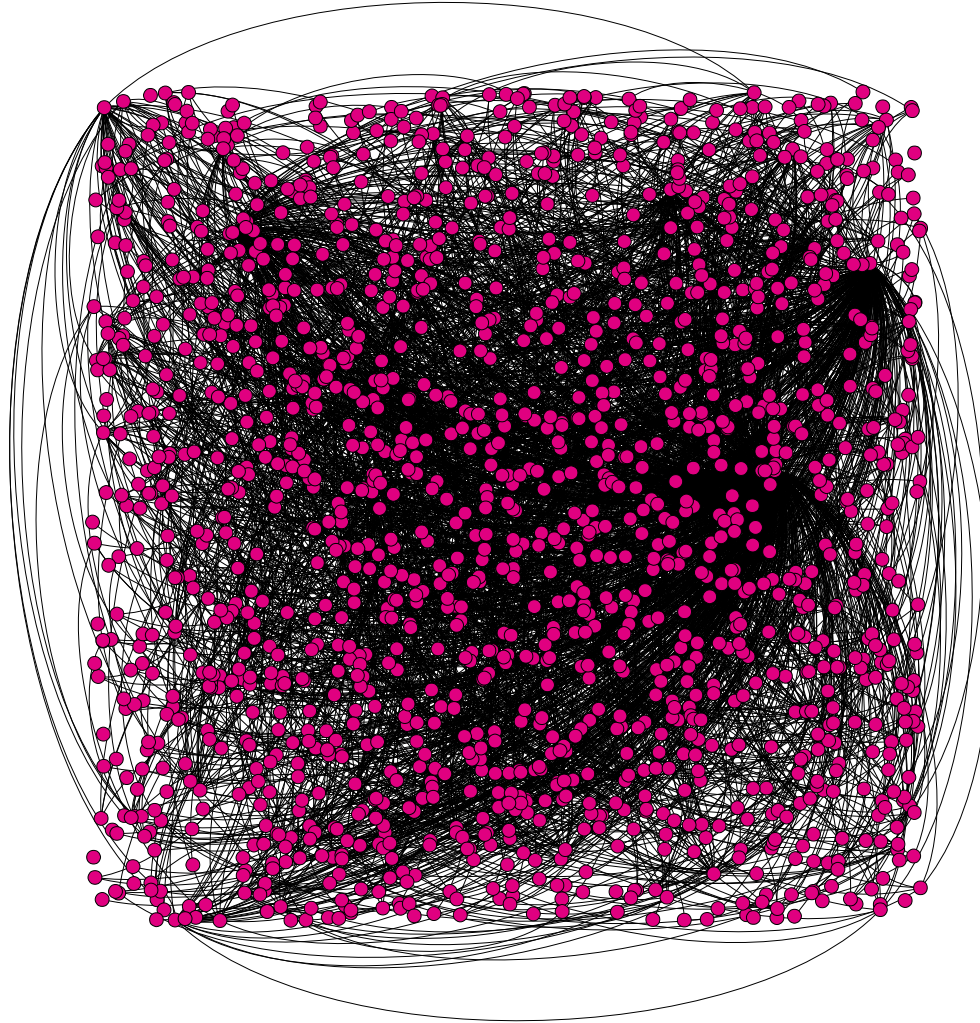
Validation works at the document level, but a digital edition project is typically a large collection of interrelated resources.



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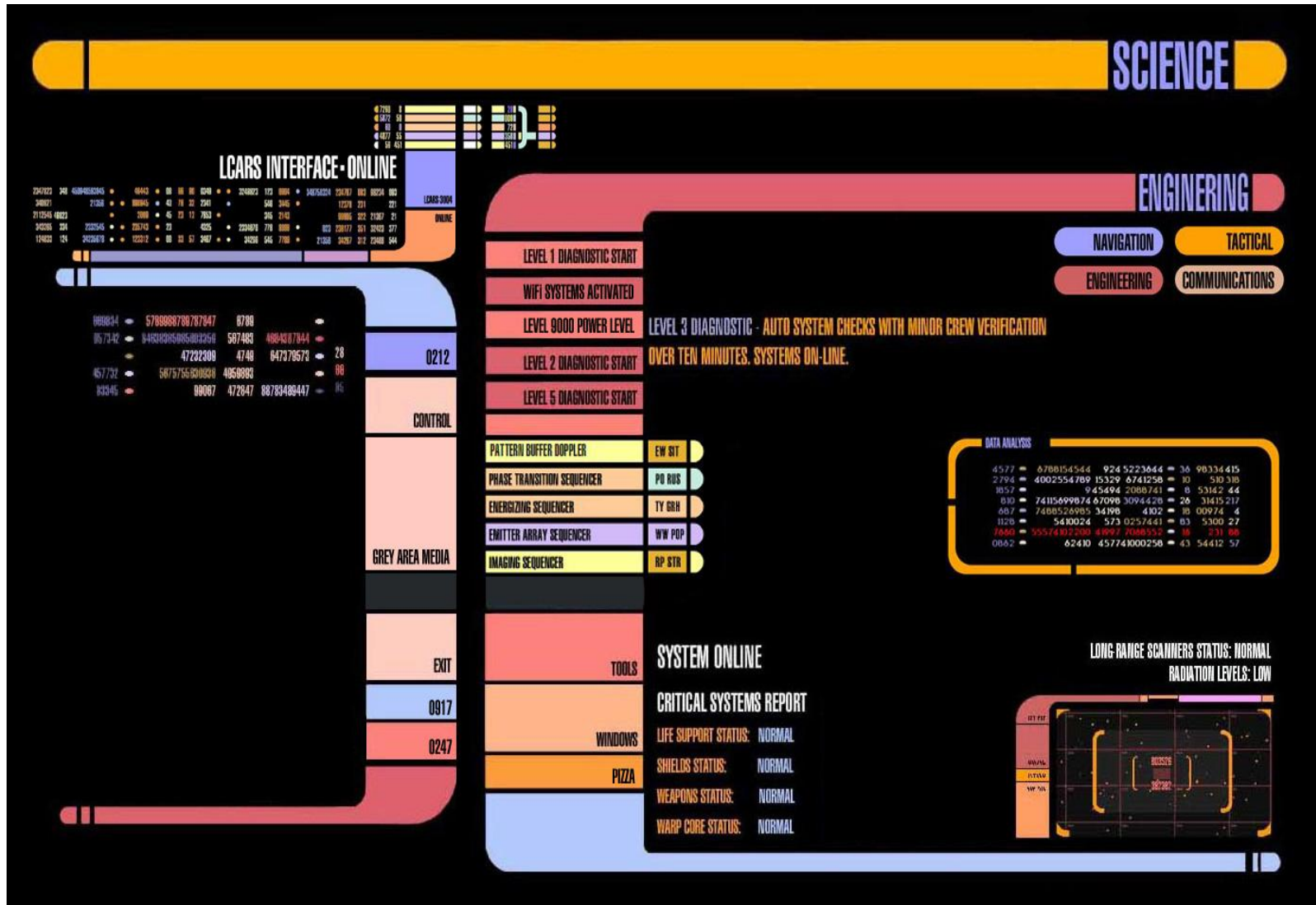
Network graph



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Diagnostics to the rescue!



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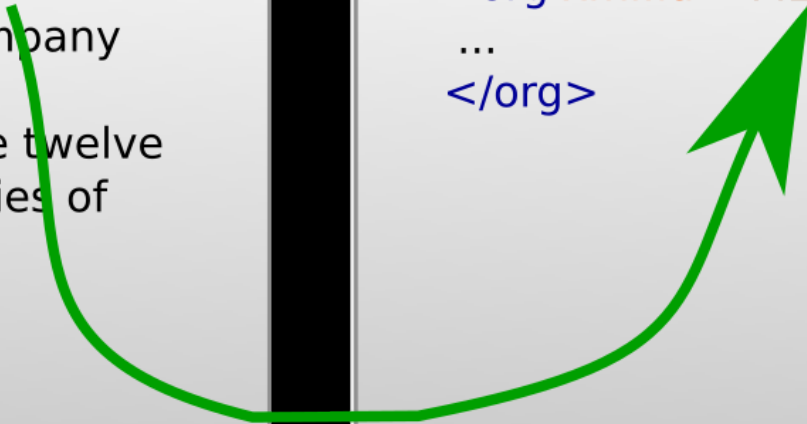
- entity type errors (persName / placeName / orgName)

PERS1.xml

The
<name type="org"
 ref="mol:MERC3">
 Mercers' Company
 </name>
was one of the twelve
great companies of
London.

ORGS1.xml

<org xml:id="MERC3">
...
</org>



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- Yes, but only for small projects.



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- Suspiciously similar bibliography entries
- different names tagged to point to the same <person>
- unreachable (unlinked) documents

Possible duplicate <bibl> entries (24) ▼

Explanation

These bibliography entries appear very similar, as measured by a similarity metric, so they are possibly duplicates.

- *Closer to 1 indicates higher similarity.*
- *Closer to 0 indicates lower similarity.*
- <bibl> DEKK2 appears similar to SMAL1 (similarity score 0.925):

Dekker, Thomas. The Shoemaker's Holiday. Ed. R.L. Smallwood and Stanley Wells. Manchester: Manchester UP, 1979. The Revels Plays.

Smallwood, R.L., and Stanley Wells, eds. The Shoemaker's Holiday. By Thomas Dekker. Manchester: Manchester UP, 1979. The Revels Plays.

- <bibl> DEKK13 appears similar to SMUT1 (similarity score 0.90697676):

Dekker, Thomas, Stephen Harrison, Ben Jonson, and Thomas Middleton. The Whole Royal and Magnificent Entertainment of King James through the City of London, 15 March 1604, with the Arches of Triumph. Ed. R. Malcolm Smuts. Thomas Middleton: The Collected Works. Gen. ed. Gary Taylor and John Lavagnino. Oxford: Oxford UP, 2007. 219-79.

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Beware

- Diagnostics can get out of hand.
- The Moses Dictionary Project has gone nuts with **their diagnostics**.
- Possible result: project paralysis.



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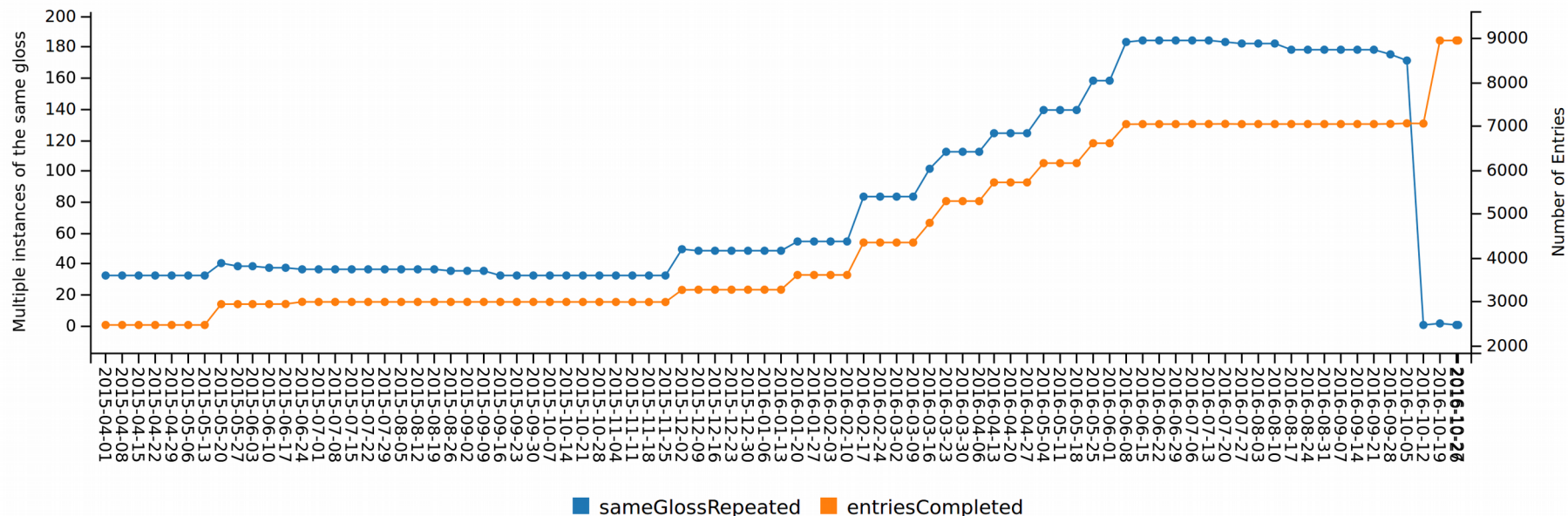
LEVEL 3

PROGRESS AND PREDICTIONS

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Provide progress analysis: are we hitting milestones?

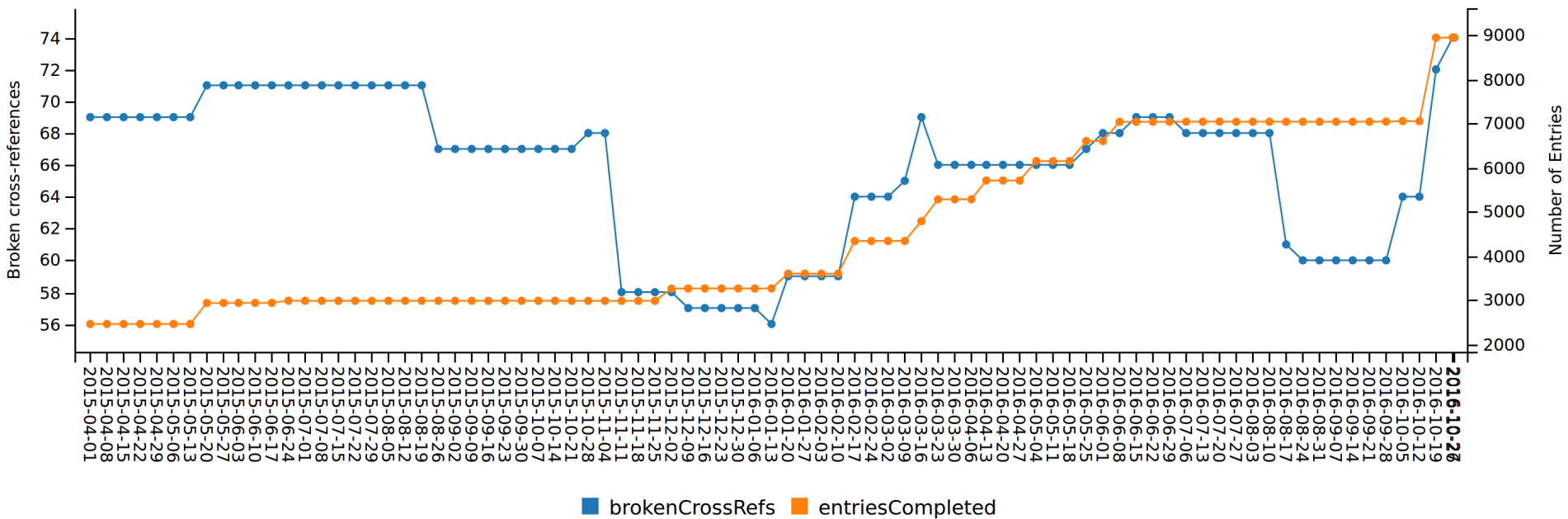
How are we doing?



Duplicate glosses rise with new entries, until an editing blitz fixes them.



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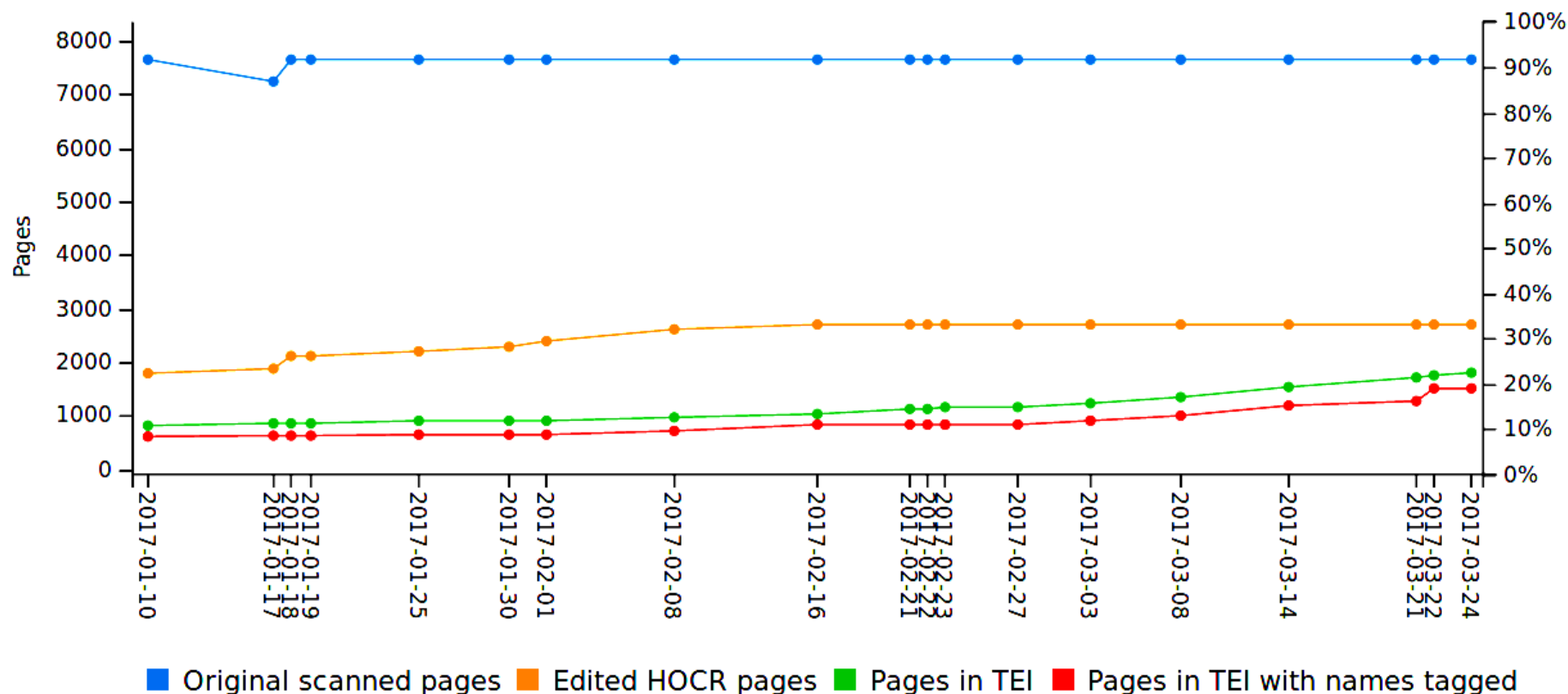


Broken cross-references keep coming back.



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The Confederation Debates: Progress Chart



Total names tagged so far: 5626

Problematic "unspecified" names: 129

Projected completion dates

- edited HOCR pages: 2017-08-04
- pages in TEI: 2017-11-16
- fully-name-tagged pages in TEI: 2018-01-15



A basic diagnostic toolkit

<https://github.com/projectEndings/diagnostics>

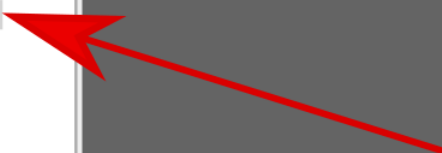


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- Run it against a folder containing a TEI project.
- It checks that:
 - All pointer attributes within a document point to `@xml:ids` that exist in the document.
 - All pointers to other documents in the collection, or to `@xml:id` attributes in those documents, are correct.
 - All values for the `@xml:lang` attribute are correct.



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Before you do anything, make sure you have a local copy of the diagnostics project. You can either clone it from the GitHub repository, or you can just download a release. You will also need to know the location of your own project's TEI XML files on your computer.

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- A single file of any kind in that root folder.

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Text Grid Author

/Users/.../projectEndings/diagnostics/instructions.html Learn completed U+0000

Custom Validation

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instructions.html [/Users/joeytakeda/projectEndings/diagnostics/instructions.html] - <oXygen/> XML Editor (Academic use only)

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instructions.html

Choose the directory containing your TEI files

graves

| Name | Date Modified |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| externals | Saturday, March 4, 2017 10:53 PM |
| graves.xpr | Friday, May 5, 2017 9:40 PM |
| js | Saturday, March 4, 2017 10:52 PM |
| notes | Tuesday, July 12, 2016 10:27 PM |
| presentations | Sunday, March 5, 2017 10:29 PM |
| products | Saturday, June 17, 2017 1:51 PM |
| result.xml | Saturday, June 17, 2017 1:50 PM |
| site | Monday, July 18, 2016 8:43 PM |
| SVNINFO | Saturday, June 17, 2017 1:49 PM |
| utilities | Friday, May 5, 2017 8:43 PM |
| VERSION | Saturday, June 17, 2017 1:49 PM |
| xml | Friday, May 5, 2017 9:33 PM |
| xsl | Friday, May 5, 2017 8:43 PM |

File Format: All Files

Cancel Choose

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1 Executing:
2 "/Applications/oxygen/.install4j/jre.bundle/Contents/Home/bin/java" -Dant.home=/Applications/oxygen/tools/ant org.apache.ant.Main -f /Users/joeytakeda/projectEndings/diagnostics/build.xml
3
4 Buildfile: /Users/joeytakeda/projectEndings/diagnostics/build.xml
5
6 getDirectory:
7
```

ANT [runDiagnostics]

/Users/.../projectEndings/diagnostics/instructions.html [runDiagnostics] Transformation in progress. U+0000

Diagnostics for project at /Users/joeytakeda/graves/xml

Statistics ▼

| | |
|------------------|------|
| TEI documents | 107 |
| Declared xml:ids | 3283 |

Elements used ►

Attributes used ►

Consistency Checks

Bad Internal Links (0) ▼

Explanation

These are links in the project to entities within the projects that do not seem to exist.

None found.

Bad @xml:lang Values (0) ►

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PASSED

ALL TESTS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED